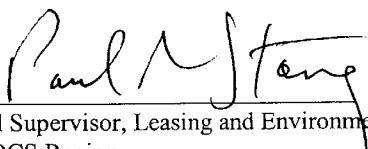
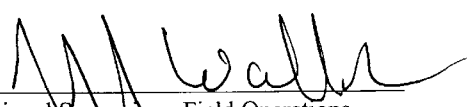
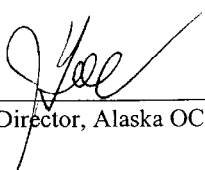


FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

We have examined the effects of the proposed operations in the Exploration Plan from AEC Oil & Gas (USA) Inc. for the McCovey Prospect, deemed complete on January 31, 2002.

Our finding is based on the analyses and conclusions in the corresponding Environmental Assessment (EA No. AK 02-01). Based on this assessment, we have determined that the proposed operations would not significantly affect the quality of the human environment (40 CFR 1508.27) and that the preparation of an environmental impact statement is not required.

I approve:	 Regional Supervisor, Leasing and Environment Alaska OCS Region	<u>2/21/02</u> Date
I Concur:	 Regional Supervisor, Field Operations Alaska OCS Region	<u>2/27/02</u> Date
I Concur:	 Regional Director, Alaska OCS Region	<u>2/28/02</u> Date